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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953.

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1953

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances in your district for 1953.

The death rate of 10.6 although higher than the very low rate of 1952 is still considerably lower than that for England and Wales. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system and cancer were again the chief cause of death, numbering 156 and 44 respectively out of a total death rate of 279.

The infant mortality rate of 31.7 is higher than that for England and Wales and higher than the rate of 25.0 for the area in 1952. The chief cause of death in infants under the age of 1 year was Pneumonia.

There was an increase in the number of infectious disease notified due entirely to an increase in the incidence of Measles and Whooping Cough.

The question of satisfactory sewage disposal in many districts is still an outstanding problem and one which is not being eased by the increase in the number of new houses provided with modern sanitation.

I wish to thank the officials of the Council and their staff for their willing help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. HARVEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	49,152
Registrar-General's estimate of Population	26,280
Number of Inhabited houses end of 1953 ..	6,822
Rateable Value	£109,037
Sum represented by a penny rate	£426. 4. 9.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	178	187	365
Illegitimate	9	4	13
	<u>187</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>378</u>
Birth rate per 1,000 Home Population		14.4	
Birth Rate for England and Wales		15.5	

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	5	4	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births		45.5	
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales		22.4	

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	147	132	279
Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population		10.6	
Death Rate for England and Wales		11.4	

Deaths from diseases and accidents
of pregnancy and child birth:

From Sepsis	0
From other causes	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>

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DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
	4	8	12

Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births	31.7
Rate for England and Wales	26.8

DEATHS FROM:-

Measles (all ages)	-
Whooping Cough	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-
Influenza	7
Cancer (all ages)	44

STATISTICAL TABLE 1944 - 1953

	DEATH RATE		BIRTH RATE		INFANT MORTALITY RATE	
Year	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales
1944	11.2	11.6	18.3	17.6	47.0	46
1945	11.6	11.4	16.8	16.1	40.0	46
1946	12.8	11.5	17.0	19.1	40.0	43
1947	12.4	12.0	21.0	20.5	22.9	41
1948	10.8	10.8	16.86	17.9	29.18	34
1949	9.7	11.7	16.4	16.7	10.9	32
1950	10.2	11.7	15.0	15.8	20.5	29
1951	8.7	12.5	11.7	15.5	28.6	29.6
1952	9.1	11.3	13.4	15.3	25.0	27.6
1953	10.6	11.4	14.4	15.5	31.7 15.9	26.8

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CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All Causes	147	132
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	1
6. Meningococcal infections	1	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	5	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	7
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	15	9
15. Leukaemia, aleumnemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	19
18. Coronary disease, angina	22	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	4	4
20. Other heart disease	33	38
21. Other circulatory disease	5	8
22. Influenza	3	4
23. Pneumonia	1	3
24. Bronchitis	15	4
25. Other disease of respiratory system	-	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
34. All other accidents	1	4
35. Suicide	2	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES:1. Laboratory Facilities.

The services of the Public Health Laboratory Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The Laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

A similar service is now available at the Public Health Laboratory which has been established at the Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Bedford.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of all cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County:-

Biggleswade ... Crab Lane ...	Tel. Biggleswade	2295.
Bedford ... Dents Road	Bedford	5335 & 5336.

3. Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council became the responsible authority for these services, the day to day administration being under the Eastern Divisional Health Committee.

The following is a list of the nurses and their districts:

Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services (Cont.)

<u>District</u>	<u>Name and Address of Nurse</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Sandy Tempsford Blunham Mogerhanger	Miss H.W. Pearse, 68 St. Neots Rd., Sandy.	Sandy 105.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (Midwifery only)	Miss M.P. Stafford, 17 Saffron Rd., Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3266.
Everton Potton Sutton Wrestlingworth Cockayne Hatley Eyeworth	Miss F.C. Bishop, Post Office, Sutton.	Potton 209.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (General Nursing only)	Miss E. Dillistone, 2 High Street, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3177.
Southill Old Warden Clifton	Mrs. P.R. Corns, 20 Stanford Rd., Southill.	Shefford 380.
Henlow Langford	Miss A.E. Peddie, 31 High Street, Henlow.	Clifton 261
Arlesey	Miss F.M. Foster 1 Lynton Avenue, Arlesey.	Arlesey 62.
Stotfold Astwick	Miss G. Nicholson, The Retreat, Church Road, Stotfold.	Stotfold 208.
Shefford Chicksands Campton Meppershall Upper Stondon	Miss F.E. Wilson, 10 North Bridge Street, Shefford.	Shefford 307.

4. Clinics and Treatment Centres.(a) Child Welfare Centres -

Arlesey	Methodist Schoolroom.	Monday p.m. Fortnightly.
Biggleswade	"The Lawns" Health Centre.	Tuesday p.m. Weekly.
Blunham	Village Hall	Thursday p.m. Every four weeks.
Henlow	R.A.F. Camp.	Thursday p.m. Weekly.
Potton	Parish Hall.	Wednesday p.m. Fortnightly.
Sandy	Church Room.	Thursday p.m. Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom.	Wednesday p.m. Weekly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club.	Monday p.m. Fortnightly.
Tempsford	Stuart Memorial Hall.	Thursday p.m. Every four weeks.
Langford	Ivy Leaf Club.	Thursday a.m. Fortnightly.
Wrestlingworth	Memorial Hall.	Tuesday p.m. Fortnightly.

(b) Ante-Natal Clinics -

Biggleswade	"The Lawns," Health Centre.	Tuesday a.m. Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom.	Wednesday a.m. Fortnightly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club.	Monday a.m. Fortnightly.

(c) Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic,
Bedford General Hospital, (North Wing),
Kimbolton Road,
Bedford.

The days and times of attendance are:-

Monday,	2 p.m. - 7 p.m.	- Refills (A.P. and P.P.)
Tuesday,	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Women and children - new and old patients.
Wednesday,	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Contacts. - Old patients - male and female.
Thursday,	9 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Males - old and new patients.
Friday,	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Refills (A.P. and P.P.) - Special cases.

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Clinics and Treatment Centres (Cont.)

(d) Venereal Diseases Clinic -

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing. The days and time of attendance are:-

Men	Monday to Friday	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Women	Monday and Tuesday	6 p.m.
	Wednesday	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
	Thursday	5 p.m.
	Friday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance:-

Wednesday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories of a sample sent for examination on 15th April, 1953, is typical.

Chemical Examination in parts per Million.

Appearance	Clear and bright.	
Colour		Nil
Odour		Nil
Reaction pH. Neutral		7.3
Free Carbon Dioxide		14
Electric Conductivity at 20 degs. C.		400
Total Solids dried at 180 degs. C.		270
Chlorine present as Chlorides		13
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate		200
Hardness. Total		195
Carbonate		195
Non Carbonate		0
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen		Absent.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen +		0.056
Oxygen Absorbed		0.05
Albuminied Nitrogen +		0.000
Residual Chlorine		Absent.
Metals Iron	Less than	0.03
Other Metals		Absent.
+ To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21.		

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Bacteriological Examination

(Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine, if present).

Number of Colonies developing on Agar per cc. or ml. in

1 day at 37 degs. C.	0 per ml.
2 days at 37 degs. C.	0 per ml.
3 days at 20 degs. C.	0 per ml.

	<u>Present in</u>	<u>Absent</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>Number.</u>
Presumptive Coliform-aerogenes ... Reaction.	Nil	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1.)	Nil	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	Nil	100 ml.	

This is a very satisfactory sample. It is clear and bright in appearance and is of the highest standard of bacterial purity consistent with a wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

27th April, 1953.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

(a) General Statistics.

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1953.

Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths registered.
Scarlet Fever	7	-	-
Whooping Cough	171	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	-
Measles	342	-	-
Pneumonia	13	-	4
Dysentery	3	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	1
Jaundice	2	-	-

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ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

Disease	Under 1 year		1 to 3		3 to 5		5 to 10		10 to 15		15 to 25		25 to 35		35 to 45		45 to 65		65 and upwards		Total all ages
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough.	7	8	17	20	17	30	29	40	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171
Acute Polio- myelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Measles.	2	2	31	18	38	35	92	104	4	10	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	342
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	3	1	4	13
Dysentery.	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
Meningoc- occal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infection.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jaundice.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2

SCARLET FEVER:

There were 7 cases notified, and none were admitted to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA:

No cases were notified.

MEASLES:

There were 342 cases notified.

WHOOPIING COUGH:

171 cases were notified.

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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The County Council, under the National Health Service Act, 1946, provides this treatment free of charge through the Family Doctor, or at School or a Child Welfare Centre. The figures have been supplied by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer.

Primary Immunisations during 1953.

Born Age at 31.12.53	1953 under 1	1952 1	1951 2	1950 3	1949 4	1944- 1948 5 - 9	1939- 1943 10-14	Total under 15
	17	182	28	4	2	63	20	316

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TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under								
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
20.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
45.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	14	11	2	2	2	-	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)
Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken under these regulations.

C.A. HARVEY,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Council Offices,
Biggleswade.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my eleventh Annual Report upon the work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors.

Once again I am pleased to be able to report progress in the Department - a considerable volume of work having been carried out with the minimum use of Statutory Authority. There have been no changes in the staff of the department during the year.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Dwellinghouses inspected under the Public Health or Housing Acts	697
Re-inspections and visits to works in progress ..	354
Visits to new buildings in course of erection ..	279
Visits to Dairies and Milk Distributors	21
Visits and inspections of food premises	65
Visits re infectious disease	8
Number of rooms fumigated after infectious disease	9
Miscellaneous visits (including refuse collection and rodent control)	1,385
Visits to Petroleum stores	34

NOTICES SERVED:

61 Intimation Notices or letters in respect of 87 properties were sent and 3 Statutory Notices served.

HOUSING:

The problem of housing is still one of the Authority's most difficult problems. During the year, the Council have completed 119 dwellings - 107 houses and 12 bungalows - and although more rapid progress is desirable, it is, on the whole, a satisfactory achievement.

The problem of the rent controlled cottage is still present and under present circumstances, even minor repairs can prove a costly matter for the owner.

During the year, demolition orders have been made in respect of 7 dwellings and in one instance, it was necessary for the Council to demolish 2 cottages in default of the owner.

NUISANCES:

All complaints of nuisances received during the year have been investigated and dealt with satisfactorily.

The following works were carried out during the year:-

Sanitary improvements (including drainage work)	53
Nuisances abated	38

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

No cases of verminous premises were found during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (AMENDMENT ACT) 1907:

During the year, the Council adopted Section 86 of this Act, which requires all scrap metal and marine store dealers to register with the Local Authority. 14 persons were registered.

Three persons were successfully prosecuted for failing to register with the Authority.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

The number of animals slaughtered at the Government Controlled Slaughter House at Arlesey has again increased during the year.

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and inspected and the percentage found to be unfit for food:-

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CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered	2,790	673	310	4,509	2,265
Number inspected	2,790	673	310	4,509	2,265
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	1	2	5	19
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	759	146	--	269	280
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	27.27	21.84	0.64	6.07	13.20
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	12	11	--	--	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	233	81	--	--	108
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	8.78	13.67	--	--	4.81

Included in the above figures are:-

1. 7 cases of tubercular udders representing 1.04% of the total number of cows slaughtered and inspected.

2. 26 cases of *Cysticercus Bovis*, which is the intermediate or cystic stage of *Taenia Saginata*, a tapeworm of man.
3. Two cases of suspected swine fever were reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Both were confirmed and the necessary precautions taken.

The following weight of meat found to be unfit for human food, was as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Beef	9	10	1	10
Beef Offal	18	7	0	16
Mutton	-	2	3	20
Mutton Offal	-	4	3	1
Pork	1	6	2	24
Pork Offal	-	10	3	27
Veal	-	-	2	24
Veal Offal	-	-	-	19
	30	3	3	1

MILK:

9 persons are licensed to retail designated milk under the Regulations of 1949.

During the year, it became necessary to serve a notice on a retail dairyman to appear before the Council, when the question of the revocation of his licence was discussed.

The Council accepted an undertaking that certain works would be carried out to the premises. The necessary work was completed and the premises are now in a satisfactory condition.

ICE CREAM:

Only 8 premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of Ice Cream whilst 52 are registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

All premises have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

OTHER FOODS:

Regular visits have been paid to other food shops and as a result, the following food has been found unfit for human consumption:-

15 lbs. Bacon.
14 lbs. Kippers.
12 lbs. Luncheon Meat.
14 lbs. Cod Roe.
9 lbs. Prawns.
21½ lbs. Cooked Ham.
1 bottle Pickles.
1 packet Farex.
269 tins Various Foods weighing 285 lbs.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

In 15 parishes, all household refuse is removed fortnightly, whilst incombustible refuse only, is removed fortnightly in the remaining parishes.

The service is carried out by contract in 4 parishes - in the remaining parishes it is done by direct labour.

NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL:

The work of night soil removal and the emptying of cesspools continues to be carried out by contract in a most satisfactory manner.

RODENT CONTROL:

The following table shows the work carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator during the year:-

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All other including business	
Number of properties inspected.	16	302	36	49	403
Number of properties inspected found to be infested with rats.	(Major 10 Minor 6)	20 130	8 17	26 5	} 222
Number of properties inspected found to be seriously infested with mice.	--	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority.	16	150	22	31	219
Number of notices served.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Block Control Schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	-

Note. These figures relate to the number of properties inspected and not to the number of inspections made.

In addition to the above, test baiting of the Council's sewers at Arlesey, Stotfold and Potton was carried out. Evidence of infestation was found in the sewers at Potton and the necessary treatment undertaken.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE:

The sewage disposal works at Arlesey, Stotfold and Potton have again been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The problem of sewage disposal in parishes without sewers and disposal works is a most serious one and many ditches are still grossly polluted. Over £350. is spent annually on the cleansing of the ditches.

RAINFALL:

The following table shows the rainfall recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works at Arlesey, Stotfold and Potton:-

Month	ARLESEY		STOTFOLD		POTTON	
	Rainfall	Days	Rainfall	Days	Rainfall	Days
January	0.83"	9	0.80"	8	1.00"	16
February	1.47"	12	1.32"	12	1.55"	10
March	0.43"	5	0.41"	5	0.51"	6
April	2.61"	16	2.27"	14	1.93"	15
May	1.35"	11	1.11"	11	1.70"	14
June	1.88"	11	1.90"	11	2.01"	17
July	2.74"	18	2.60"	18	2.34"	20
August	2.40"	10	2.44"	10	2.04"	11
September	1.32"	9	1.20"	9	0.97"	13
October	2.27"	11	2.04"	11	2.34"	13
November	1.13"	7	1.36"	8	1.32"	12
December	0.35"	6	0.36"	6	0.65"	17
	18.78"	125	17.81"	123	18.36"	164

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections -

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	31	34	6	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	78	82	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	109	116	6	-

Cases in which defects were found -

	Number of cases in which defects were				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	By H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	Nil				
Unreasonable temperature.	Nil				
Inadequate ventilation.	Nil				
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	6	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Section 110.				
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec.110(1)c.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.
Wearing Apparel.	1	-	-	-
Glove Making.	5	-	-	-
Needle work.	5	-	-	-

Section 111.Notices served.

Nil.

Prosecutions.

Nil.

(23)

NEW BUILDINGS:

During the year, 200 plans were submitted and approved under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and the Council's building byelaws.

12 other plans were submitted but not approved.

CIVIL BUILDING LICENSING:

The following table shows the number of Civil Building Licences issued:-

<u>Licences</u>	<u>Number issued</u>	<u>Value</u>
In respect of new private dwellings.	49	£97,153.
In respect of Conversions and adaptations.	<u>4</u>	<u>£10,354.</u>
	<u>53</u>	<u>£107,507.</u>

LICENCES TO DEAL IN GAME:

Visits and inspections.	2
Number of licences granted.	2

PETROLEUM ACTS:

Number of licences granted.	90
Amount of fees received.	£54. 0. 0.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health for their consideration and support, and also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

H.W. PRIDMORE.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

